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## EDCC MINT

The sparks flew and the die was destroyed. The time was right on 5:00PM. The date was March 9, 1975. The event was the spring coin show of the East Detroit Coin Club. A few persons watched as Ralph Schwartz operated the electric cutting tool while club president Lucian Chojewski held the die.

Many persons during the day had watched several repeat mintings of the 1975 medal at that corner table as Jerry Parsons and Ralph Schwartz actually minted the medal. The sign on the table read "EDCC Mint - Member Struck." This was the third or fourth time such medals had been struck, and earlier ones were displayed on the table. The 1975 medals were available for sale as they were struck, and less than 250 were struck that day. A 32mm solid copper thick planchet was used, and the medal resulting is beautiful. A dove flying into a floating ribbon adorns the obverse. In capital letters above is EAST DETROIT, below is MICHIGAN. Just above the HI of Michigan are the initials LC for President Lucian Chojewski. Parsons, Schwartz, and Chojewski helped in designing the medal.

Reverse: EAST DETROIT COIN CLUB around above, the date 1975 below, and a fleuron as the central design.

## EVENTS TO PLAN ON

Mich-TAMS members will likely gather this spring and summer in greater numbers at two special events than at others. The spring convention of the Michigan State Numismatic Society will be held in Lansing at the Olds Plaza Hotel on June 14 and 15. It is likely our spring meet of Mich-TAMS will be held then, though no word has been received. Exhibitors of tokens and medals will be especially planning on competing in classes 5, 6, and 7. To exhibit one must be a member of MSNS, and may contact Secretary Florence Schook, PO Box 2014, Livonia Mich 48154, for membership and/or Rules for Exhibiting.

Class 5 will comprise all medals. Class 6 is Miscellaneous and includes all tokens, wooden money, and other exnumia. Class 7 is for juniors only and is subdivided into A, B, and C for the different age groups.

The second event of the season will be the Mich-TAMS lawn bourse and picnic, for the 5th summer in a row, at the gracious invitation of member MARIE JOHNSON, and her husband and daughter, to their farm home near Clinton Mich. The date, as usual, will be the last Sunday in July. The 27th is the date to circle, and plan on arriving there in mid-AM. You'll be glad you did.

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## AMONG OUR MEMBERS

VERNON DUPEE #223 is a collector of Coronation Medals. The grapevine says that Mr. Dupee wrote an article about these medals which appeared in an early issue of the Junk Box. Could someone who has this early issue loan it to the editor so a reprint may be made?

DONNA STREETER #36 is a collector of wooden money, advertising ashtrays, elephants, beer steins, plates, and carnival glass. We trust Donna is recuperating now from her many long weeks of illness.

MIKE BEAUREGARD, our new junior #472-J, was recently made an Eagle Scout. At the Court of Honor, Mike displayed a case of 24 different Boy Scout tokens and medals. His classified ad is in this issue. Mike is a member of the Livonia Coin Club.

JOSEPH LEPCZYK #457 of East Lansing Mich was awarded the job of auctioneer for the Society for International Numismatics Convention held this April in Los Angeles. This combined floor auction and mail bid, heavy in quality foreign coins, also offered such tokens and medals as Alaska gold tokens, US colonial coins, Bryan money, Famine Medal of Netherlands, and a Masonic Medal. Other prominent mail bid auctions of tokens and medals which flourished this season among members of Mich-TAMS were by GEORGE RINSLAND #151 in Pa. in Nov - Dec - Feb - Apr, THOMAS L WALL #468 in Mo. in Oct, and Feb; ROBERT SLAWSKY #444 in NJ in Feb, W M CORBETT #325 in Okla in Jan, and PAUL CUNNINGHAM #426 in Tecumseh Mich in Jan, Mar and Apr.

At a coin show in Fashion Square Mall in Saginaw Mich this spring something new appeared. A show visitor, one Charlie Brown, pulled from his pocket some beautiful "enameled" elongated Lincoln cents, a red one, a blue one (almost a blue-green), and a red, white and blue one. Inquiry brought out the fact that our Mich-TAMS member #120, A A ROSATO in Conn had made and distributed these. The three-color one was not as well done as the first two, probably due to so many colors, but they certainly are clever. Are these for the Bi-Centennial observance, Mr. Rosato? Tell us more.

JACK CARMAN #68 of Elkhart Ind and DON THOMAS #69 of Paw Paw Mich appeared at the same coin show recently in Benton Harbor, Jack having a bourse table and Don as a collector.

JEROME BRICK #276 in Brant Mich is a collector of Bicentennial Medals.



## CELEBRATIONS - 1975

Before this year closes we know there will be many events take place in this state of ours. Much information should be forthcoming by the July issue. We already know however, per phone call from Clarence Ziegler in Port Huron, of three scheduled events, and shall extend to you this information.

WEST BRANCH, in Ogemaw County, will have its Centennial, and will celebrate between June 19 and June 28.

REED CITY, county seat of Osceola County, will also have a Centennial some time this summer. We do not have the dates, but do have the address of the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce: Richard C Allen, 127 E Todd, Reed City Mich 49677. Reed City, for this occasion, will issue 2500 goldline 40mm medals at 50¢ each plus postage, and will also have a "coin" for \$3.00 each plus postage. Osceola appears as a county on the 1855 Michigan map, but not one town is within its borders.

ADRIAN, an early town in Michigan history, will have its 150th Anniversary. The address to write for more information on this event is Adrian Area Sesquicentennial Ass'n, Box 42, Adrian Mich 49221. A combination "Art Medal" will portray the US Bicentennial on one side and the Adrian Sesqui on the other side, will be an issue of 200 in bronze (to start with), and will sell for \$15 plus \$1 postage. Another medal in bronze, unlimited, will sell for \$2. plus 50¢ for postage, and the same in silver (300 pieces numbered) for \$15. plus \$1 postage. There are also to be wood nickels.

### LET GEORGE DO IT

How often in every kind of a project, event, or organization, have we heard someone say, or have thought in our own mind, "let George do it." Well, George has been doing it, and now it is time each of us did at least a little bit. Whether we are a top leader, a committee worker, a club planner, or can offer only a little bit of help, let us each do just that. Plan on taking part in something, an exhibit, sending in a bit of information, or thinking of a project which will help your fellow workers or fellow members. George did.

GEORGE STENSON, our member #310 in Algonac, has several times sent in research lists of new issues in Michigan, to our publication and to others.

GEORGE PARFET #283 in Temple Pa, a longtime friend of Michigan collectors, has served as president of the International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors.

GEORGE DEFFENBAUGH, our charter #144 in Birmingham Mich, an early collector, has paid his dues to national TAMS for many years since becoming member #773 (TAMS Now has member #3015), and is now resigning.

GEORGE WANZUG #459 served for several years in the Warren Mich Coin Club in various capacities, and has helped the MSNS juniors.

GEORGE RINSLAND, charter #151, in Allentown Pa has one of the earliest and largest mail bid auctions featuring exnumia.

So you see, George has done it. So let each of us do something ourselves, or continue to help George do it. One George we can help now is GEORGE HATIE, our Mich-TAMS charter #12, of Grosse Pointe. George is up for president of ANA, and will be if we but work to elect him. He has an opponent, and opposition is healthy, but George is deserving, qualified, and he worked his way there. For this one big job this coming year let us LET GEORGE DO IT.

## MICH-TAMS MAIL BID

Our first mail bid auction is now. We have 30 lots of good material for this first auction. Fifty or sixty lots would be ideal. The success of this project, asked for and approved at our annual fall meeting last fall, depends on the active bidding and interest shown by the membership. Any paid up Mich-TAMS member may send 10 lots or less to the editor for our second auction, to reach him no later than June 28th. The actual material must be sent, and be in the hands of the editor before he can list it. Items which may not be sold will be returned to the consignor postpaid. Ninety percent of the proceeds of a consignment will go to the consignor, and Mich-TAMS will keep ten percent less the cost of mailing out the lots.

Rules: May 14th is the latest date bids will be received.

Bid by lot number - the amount you are willing to pay -  
at least minimum bid if one is stated.

Earliest postmark will get a tie bid.

Mail bids to the editor, Chester F Clark.

- Lot #1 Eight Lucky Pennies 1959-1964 from Michigan towns of Muskegon, Flint, Pontiac, Grand Rapids, Detroit, Adrian, Ionia, and Traverse City.
- #2 Civil War Token - L H Robinson, Marshall Mich, 610C-3a, R7, minimum bid \$7.50.
- #3 1949 Detroit Bank, 100th Anniversary, aluminum 31mm Unc.
- #4 1949 Chicago Railroad Fair, Bank of Gold Gulch, brass 31mm BU.
- #5 1949 Minnesota Centennial, goldine 31mm BU.
- #6 1935 Pony Express Diamond Jubilee, nickel 32mm Unc.
- #7 Interesting medal, St George of England, United We Stand America, brass 38mm pierced AU.
- #8 Medal struck from parts of the 1st US Navy Ship Frigate Constellation, copper 30mm Unc.
- #9 American Game Counter, Arg-1, Kurth 91, R7 cleaned.
- #10 American Game Counter, Arg-2, Kurth 90, R7 cleaned.
- #11 Trade token, Alton Hotel, Flint Mich//G/F 10¢ in trade, round brass, minimum \$1.
- #12 TT, Roush & McDonald, Hastings Mich//G/F 5¢ in trade, round brass, star cut-out, minimum \$1.
- #13 TT, Harold's Lunch Room, 115 E. Allegan, Lansing Mich//G/F 10¢ in merchandise, octagonal brass, minimum \$1.
- #14 TT, City of Tecumseh Michigan//Good only in parking lot meters, round brass-colored metal, minimum \$1.
- #15 TT, Oldest Savings Bank in Western Michigan, Grand Rapids Savings Bank, corner of Monroe & Ionia Sts//50¢ with this coin will open a one dollar savings account with us subject to savings bank rules - we pay compound interest - act at once, round brass, minimum \$1.
- #16 TT, Chas. Tavern, Grand Ledge Mich//G/F 5¢ in trade, round aluminum, minimum \$1.
- #17 TT, Ace Smoke Shop, 1027 E Michigan, Jackson Mich//10¢ in trade, round aluminum, minimum \$1.
- #18 TT, Hemgerberg & Son, Chesaning Mich//G/F 25¢ in trade, round aluminum, minimum \$1.
- #19 TT, A. Spaniolo, Lansing Mich//G/F 25¢ in trade, hexagonal aluminum, minimum \$1.

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- #20 TT, Drolet's Normal Drug Store (Kalamazoo Mich)//G/F 10¢ in trade, round aluminum, number 10 cut-out, minimum \$1.
- #21 Celluloid pinbacks, 2 diff, of early moving pictures, both black on white 22mm. The Broken Coin/15 weeks/Universal/30 reels/Francis Ford (portrait)/Grace Cunard (portrait), and the other one a portrait of boy Jesus w/PAX below.
- #22 Lapel pinback in brass with red, white, and green enamel showing Paul Revere riding. At top: Revere Copper & Brass Inc. Below: No Lost Time 12 Months.
- #23 Hardtimes Token, Low #53, Pro-Whig CE 1834-17. Military bust of Andrew Jackson emerging from treasure chest holding sword and moneybag. Jackass reverse. About good.
- #24 British trader token, Birmingham Warwickshire 1812 penny, full ounce of copper. Clasped hands. Dark, pitted some.
- #25 M. S. Hershey (portrait)/1969/Age 35 Yrs.//Hershey's Caramel Factory/1886 (factory)/Hershey Coin Club Inc Pa. 36mm antique bronze BU.
- #26 Elongated cent, 1953-S. Don's Diggin's, Jacksonville Ore, The Shop That's Different. Man panning gold.
- #27 3¢ Student Check (Beaver Falls Pa)//H/T/B/Line. Brass 22mm 8-scalloped, square hole cut-out.
- #28 Lansing Mich Centennial 1959//G/F 50¢. Goldine 34mm, good.
- #29 Nashville Mich (Barry County) Centennial 1969 souvenir half dollar. Oxen w/covered wagon. Goldine 34mm, fine.
- #30 Bay City Mich Centennial 1965 half dollar, goldine BU 34mm.

End of sale - Closing date is May 14th

#### THE BROKEN COIN

Are there any buffs of early moving pictures among our members? We need more information on certain collectibles which have appeared recently. Lot #21 in our Mich-TAMS auction has two such items. These two which were among a few still fastened to a white card on which is printed: Please Accept a Free Souvenir Pin/ CREATION DRAMA. Someone had scratched out the word Free with a lead pencil, indicating that someone had seen a chance to sell some.

The backs of these buttons show that they are Whitehead & Hoag buttons of about the time Prohibition was voted in. With the card of buttons was one advertising mirror, 54mm by Whitehead & Hoag, with the identical scene of The Broken Coin and the portraits of Francis Ford and Grace Cunard. The latter appears to be a fuzzy-haired blond wearing a funny little black hat of some sort.

The phrase The Broken Coin seemed to ring a bell, and a few days after seeing the buttons and mirror, it suddenly dawned on your editor that he had a medal with those same words. This medal was acquired last summer from a Nebraska dealer at the IOWMC show in Columbus, is pewter 38mm in fine condition. It shows no info as to Ford and Cunard, but a wavy line down the center of the reverse divides the "coin" to appear broken, and to the right of the line is the same information THE BROKEN COIN/Universal Moving Pictures (in logo)/30 Reels/15 Weeks. Ten lines of "foreign" words are left of the broken line. The obverse, also with a wavy line from top to bottom, shows a stern-faced military officer, without headgear, facing left. Below the portrait it says Michael III.

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Closing Date - May 24, 1975

YOUR INDIANA TOKENS IN TRADE WILL GET PRIORITY

- Lot # 1 Coldwater National Bank, 25¢ on a safe deposit box,  
30 mm AU
- 2 Grand Rapids Savings Bank, 50¢ with this coin etc, 25mm VF
- 3 Peoples Saving Bank, Saginaw Mich, 50¢ on deposit etc,  
30 mm VF
- 4 St Clair Shores Nat Bank, \$1 on \$25 etc, 31 mm XF
- 5 Hancock Mich RAM One Penny Chartered 1865, 32 mm AU
- 6 Adrian Mich, Majestic Sports Center, 15¢ in T, alum
- 7 Algonac Mich, R S Snook Billiards, 5¢ in T, brass
- 8 Calderwood Mich, Mercer de Laittre Lbr Co, 50¢ in T  
alum
- 9 Batavia Mich, A A Perry, 5¢ in T, brass
- 10 Bronson Mich, Glen Green, 5¢ in T, brass
- 11 (Coldwater Mich) BPOE 1023, 5¢ in T, brass
- 12 Coldwater Mich, L R Smith, 5¢ in M, alum
- 13 Detroit Mich, C V Greunawald (5 cutout), brass
- 14 Durand Mich, Ted's Place, 10¢ in T, alum
- 15 Flint, H R Gay, Cigars & Pool, 5¢ in T, brass
- 16 Goodrich Mich, C M Dalby, 5¢ in T, alum
- 17 Hastings Mich, W S Ducker, Cigars, 5¢ in T, brass  
with center hole
- 18 Jackson Mich, A D Jonks, Billiard Parlor, 5¢ in T,  
brass 34 mm
- 19 Jackson Mich, Farnham, 50¢ rebate on suits etc, brass,  
small hole
- 20 Lansing Mich, J B Jordon, One Ct, The Jersey, alum
- 21 Lansing Mich, Larry's Stag Lunch, 5¢ in T, brass
- 22 Mancelona Mich, Dewey's Cigar Store, 5¢ in T, alum
- 23 St Clair Mich, Bell Gum Co, Five in T, WM centerhole
- 24 St Ignace Mich, State Ferries Silver Anniv, 25¢ in T
- 25 Sturgis Mich, W H Snook, 5¢ in T, brass centerhole
- 26 Williamston Mich, Thomas Bros, 5¢ in M, brass
- 27 Chesaning Mich wood nickel, Schultz Pharmacy, 5¢ in T
- 28 Ida Mich Centennial wood nickel, redeemable on or  
before June 29 1965
- 29 Mason Area Centennial wood nickel, face value 5¢,  
June 21, 1965

End of Sale

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Also have tokens  
from other states  
to trade for Indiana

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## CLASSIFIEDS

- COLLECTORS - We've been selling about 1000 tokens a month in our mail auctions. Get the next bid list for a 10¢ stamp. Paul A Cunningham, Box 1, Tecumseh Mich 49286.
- WANTED - Illinois Civil War Tokens, all better Patriotics & Storecards, Hardtimes, & Good Luck Swastika tokens. Collections purchased. Rich Hartzog, PO Box 4143 KQ, Rockford Ill 61110.
- WANTED - Will trade my duplicate Centennial tokens for your Michigan Merchant tokens, or will buy for cash. C E Ziegler, 2705 Grace Road, Port Huron Mich 48060. Also want any info on brass G/F five in trade Silver Cup Bread token.
- WANTED - Encased cents of Harvard Chevrolet of Port Huron. Don McKelvey, 2822 - 19th Ave, Port Huron Mich 48060.
- WANTED - Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) tokens and memorabilia. Top dollar. Send rubbings or description. Agnar Wahlberg, 1470 South Colle Marcus, Palm Springs Calif 92262.
- WANTED - Mich Civil War Storecards. Stuart Miller, PO Box 68, Rapid City Mich 49676.
- WANTED - Boy Scout tokens & medals, any state. Mike Beuregard, 31146 Merritt, Westland Mich 48185.
- FOR TRADE - US Army medals, Cuban Pacification 1906-09 cased in box, serial # w/lapel pin & ribbon. Purple Heart cased, lapel pin & ribbon, campaign for humane action and good conduct. Want Ark, CCC tokens, or ? Walt Kinkle, 526 N 36th, Ft Smith Ark 72901.
- BUYING OR TRADING - Mich & ND tokens, bank tokens that specify some value (all states), and all kinds of school or education tokens. Raymond E Olson, 32137 Oakley, Livonia Mich 48154.

## GO WAY BACK AND SIT DOWN

This first token, as the other items in this half page article, is amusing, puzzling, and challenging. Tokens and medals which show up "out of the blue" in a junk box, from a flea market, from a mail bid lot, or as an oddball piece in a coin club, are often intriguing.

A large chamber pot in the center of the reverse of this octagonal aluminum is surrounded by the words Go Way Back and Sit Down. This token may be listed somewhere or may be a maverick. The initials JCS with the usual G/F 5¢ in Trade is on the obverse.

A GAR medal, either pewter or white metal, has been unearthed by a metal detector. The rims have flaked away, and pockmarks in the field leave whitish places, but the words 26th National Encampment 1892 are readable. The gunstock of the Union soldier's gun is gone. The rest of the soldier remains in high relief, apparently with the Capitol in Wash DC in the background. Another item dug up has been by a Williamston man in the area of Eaton Rapids. A white metal round cutout rooster pin of the James Cox 1920 campaign is OK except the legs of the rooster are gone.

A 10¢ "Shin Plaster" piece of wooden money, apparently unlisted by Tom Hudson, was issued in 1934 by the Marion Hobby Club of Marion, OH. This is in excellent condition, is actually cardboard made to look like the grain of wood (Hudson also lists pieces like this), and bears the serial number in green of 2190 beneath the portrait of Harding, 6x2½".

The "mintage" of the Bill Ewald pinback button, I FOUND MY BAG, is 1000 according to Florence Schook.

A bronze medalet of a bust of Lincoln, inset in an aluminum rim, apparently years ago, appeared recently on a dealer's table for \$22.50.

## QUESTIONS (always) & ANSWERS (maybe)

Not too much response to our initial Q & A installment. We did get some more intriguing questions which we will throw out for you to consider.

- Q-6 Within the bounds of good moral character, what is the oddest (most peculiar or unusual) GOOD FOR token? A matter of personal opinion, but what is your nomination?
- Q-7 A token in my collection from Forbes Stamp Co. in Grand Rapids reads Good for One Drink at any City Hydrant. Can anyone explain this oddity? (Peterson LM#2)
- Q-8 A medal about 3" in diam, bronze, called a Jubilee Penny is from The National Women's Christian Temperance Union, 1924. What is the story of this, and its worth?
- Q-9 I have 2 tokens from "Sample Rooms." One is G/F 5¢ in trade from St James Sample Room, E T Albers, Prop., Ann Arbor Mich. Was a sample room more than a place for salespersons to display goods? (Peterson LM#2)
- Q-10 What was Red Goose Shoe Premium money used for, or how were the tokens obtained?
- Q-11 Does anyone know about the composition of enamels found on medals? The enamels are rather transparent on older ones I have. (Peterson)

Please keep your questions and answers coming. Raymond E Olson, 32137 Oakley, Livonia Mich 48154.

## OUR TENTH YEAR

According to our "Volume" number we are in our tenth year of publication of our Junk Box. A few inquiries recently should be mentioned. First I believe we should ask if anyone has a complete set of all copies? Your present editor has a file copy of each issue, believed complete, starting with volume IV (1969), but has never seen issues for the years of 1966, 1967, and 1968. Are any available for loan or for reprint?

CLARENCE ZIEGLER LM#8 is particularly interested in seeing a copy of the March/67 issue because of mention of a listing of Mich Merchant tokens "continued" in that issue.

PAUL CUNNINGHAM #426 in a recent letter suggests that we change the name of our publication because "it's time we lifted tokens from the level of the junk box to a level which is more fitting for our number one hobby - no kind of token is junk and I strongly resent it when any one suggests that token collectors are junk collectors -".

Thank you, Paul, for your letter. Your publication is the place to air your suggestions. If others have pros or cons on this or something else your suggestions are also welcome. Any official action however must go to your Mich-TAMS officers. In talking with some charter members it seemed the consensus of opinion that there should be no reason to change an established accepted thing. Personally the name to me is most intriguing. Medals and tokens are not junk, but that is where you often find them. One person's trash is another's treasures, and once you buy from that junk box, those items are your treasures.